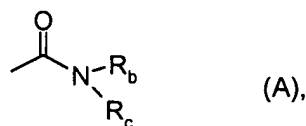


The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

4. (currently amended): A composition ~~according to claim 1~~, comprising

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{R}_2 \\
 | \\
 \text{R}_1 - \text{N} - \text{C} - \text{X} \\
 | \quad | \\
 \text{O} \quad \text{R}_3 \\
 | \\
 \text{CH}_2 \\
 | \\
 \text{CH}_2 \\
 | \\
 \text{C} = \text{O} \\
 | \\
 \text{OY}^+
 \end{array}
 \quad (I),$$

X is derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C₁-C₂₂alkyl, carboxy esterified by C₃-C₂₂alkyl interrupted by -O- , and carbamoyl of the partial formula (A)



b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

wherein

R₁ is a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₁₈alkyl, C₃-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by -O-, phenyl and benzyl;

R₂ and R₃ are hydrogen;

X is carboxy and Y is ammonium, (C₁-C₄alkyl)₁₋₄ ammonium or (2 hydroxyethyl)₁₋₄ ammonium; or

X is carboxylate or derivatised carboxy selected from the group consisting of cyano, carboxy esterified by C₁-C₁₈alkyl, carboxy esterified by C₃-C₁₈alkyl interrupted by -O-, and morpholinocarbamoyl; and

Y is hydrogen, ammonium, (C₁-C₄alkyl)₁₋₄ ammonium or (2 hydroxyethyl)₁₋₄ ammonium; and

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity.

6. (currently amended): A composition according to claim ~~4~~ 4, comprising

b) A base oil of lubricating viscosity which is used for hydraulic or metal-working fluids, greases, gear oils or engine oils.

7. (currently amended): A concentrate comprising at least one compound (I) wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, X and Y are as defined in claim ~~4~~ 4.

8. (currently amended): A method of improving the use properties of lubricants, which comprises adding to the lubricants at least one composition according to claim ~~4~~ 4.